

Litchfield

Connecticut

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Belongs to
Litchfield County
Torrington Labor Market Area
Litchfield Hills Economic Dev. Region
Litchfield Hills Planning Area

Incorporated in 1719

Demographics

<i>Population (1998)</i>				<i>Race/Ethnicity (1998)</i>			
	<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>County</i>	<i>State</i>
1980	7,704	156,768	3,107,580	White	8,381	174,776	2,648,212
1990	8,365	174,092	3,287,116	Black	87	1,786	274,213
1998	8,656	181,874	3,271,239	Asian Pacific	72	2,258	73,304
2003	8,778	185,084	3,272,149	Native American	22	321	5,952
'98-'03 Growth	1.41%	1.76%	0.03%	Other	6	140	5,336
				Hispanic (any race)	88	2,593	264,222
Land Area (sq. miles)	56.06	920.01	4,845	<i>Poverty Rate (1990)</i>	3.04%	3.97%	6.61%
Pop./ Sq. Mile (1998)	154.41	197.69	653	<i>Educational Attainment (1990)</i>			
Per Capita Inc. (1998)	\$27,076	\$24,032	\$27,078	Persons Age 25 or Older	<i>Town</i>	<i>%</i>	<i>State</i>
Households (1998)	3,381	69,599	1,229,087	High School Graduate	1,781	30.7%	648,366
Median Age (1997)	40.0	38.3	37.2	Some College	1,517	26.1%	495,696
				Bachelors or More	1,679	28.9%	597,693
<i>Age Distribution (1998)</i>							
	<i>0-4</i>	<i>5-17</i>	<i>18-24</i>	<i>25-49</i>	<i>50-64</i>	<i>65+</i>	<i>Total</i>
Male	257 6%	771 18%	366 9%	1,587 37%	713 17%	610 14%	4,304
Female	258 6%	677 16%	295 7%	1,521 35%	739 17%	862 20%	4,352
County Total	11,904 7%	31,016 17%	13,820 8%	70,482 39%	27,967 15%	26,685 15%	181,874
State Total	216,119 7%	550,400 17%	280,101 9%	1,257,928 38%	499,093 15%	467,598 14%	3,271,239

Economics

<i>Business Profile (1997)</i>					<i>Top Five Grand List (1997)</i>		
<i>Sector</i>	<i>Firms</i>	<i>% of Total</i>	<i>Emp.</i>	<i>% of Total</i>		<i>Amount</i>	<i>% of Total</i>
Agriculture	27	4.6%	96	2.3%	B E Aerospace, Inc.	\$4,991,380	0.74%
Const. and Mining	99	16.9%	371	8.9%	JRJ, Inc.	\$2,751,310	0.41%
Manufacturing	17	2.9%	236	5.7%	White Memorial Foundation, Inc.	\$2,181,890	0.32%
Trans. And Utilities	13	2.2%	103	2.5%	6645 Federal Square Realty LLC	\$2,107,180	0.31%
Trade	157	26.7%	851	20.5%	Harold C. Hoffman Trust Co. Trs.	\$1,841,380	0.27%
Finance, Ins. and Real Estate	39	6.6%	242	5.8%	Grand List Total (1996)	\$678,495,073	
Services	222	37.8%	1,843	44.4%	<i>Top Five Major Employers (1997)</i>		
Government	13	2.2%	405	9.8%	B.E. Aerospace	CT Jr. Republic	
Total	587	100.0%	4,147	100.0%	Litchfield Govt. Board of Ed.	Forman School	
					Education Connection		
						<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
					<i>Retail Sales (1996)</i>	\$92,498,254	\$30,837,967,729

Education

<i>1995-1996 School Year</i>				<i>Connecticut Mastery Test Percent Above Goal</i>					
	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		<i>Grade 4</i>		<i>Grade 6</i>		<i>Grade 8</i>	
Total Students	1,288	461,203		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>	<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>
Total Expenditures Per Pupil	\$8,197	\$8,300		Reading	73 55	76 60	77 64		
Average Teacher's Salary	\$49,545	\$48,598		Math	47 59	64 52	60 51		
Students Attending Public School	89.0%	89.2%		Writing	47 46	63 46	76 51		
Student/Teacher Ratio	13.5	14.5							
Grads Pursuing Post-Sec. Education	85.5%	75.8%		<i>Average SAT Score</i>		<i>Town</i>	<i>State</i>		
High School Dropout Rate	1.5%	4.6%		Verbal		534	503		
<i>Average Class Size</i>				Math		542	499		
Kindergarten 15.7	Grade 2 19.7								
Grade 5 96.0	Grade 7 18.8	High School 18.5							

Connecticut Town Profiles 1998-1999

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Government

Government Form	Selectman- Town Meeting	Annual Debt Service (1996)	\$1,011,328
		As % of Expenditures	6.9%
Total Revenue (1996)	\$15,713,332	Equalized Grand List (1996)	\$688,019,675
Tax Revenue	\$13,385,565	Per Capita	\$79,577
Non-tax Revenue	\$642,380	As % of State Average	102.1%
Intergovernmental	\$1,685,387	Date of Last Revaluation	10/ 1/88
Per Capita Tax (1996)	\$1,554	Moody's Bond Rating (1997)	Aa
As % of State Average	109.2%	Actual Mill Rate (1997)	19.14
		Equalized Mill Rate (1996)	18.77
		% of Grand List Com/Ind (1995)	11.8%

Housing

Housing Stock (1997)	Town	County	State	Sales Price Distribution (1996)	Town	County	State
Existing Units (total)	3,678	78,684	1,374,566	Number of Sales			
% Single Unit	80.0%	74.6%	62.9%	Less than \$100,000	28	1,251	22,254
New Permits Auth. (1997)	96	732	9,349	\$100,001-\$200,000	66	1,355	20,713
As % Existing Units	2.61%	0.93%	0.68%	\$200,001-\$300,000	23	367	6,600
Demolitions (1997)	1	54	1,193	\$300,001-\$400,000	14	98	2,730
Residential Sales (1996)	140	3,192	56,333	\$400,001 or More	9	121	4,036
Average Price	\$188,970	\$157,833	\$194,596	1996 Characteristics			
Median Price	\$150,000	\$130,000	\$138,000	Owner Occupied Dwellings	2,392	48,584	807,559
				Housing Stock Age - Pre-1950	43.0%	37.1%	33.9%
				Subsidized Housing Units	179	4,308	148,930

Labor Force

1997	Town	County	State	Commuters (1990)			
Labor Force	4,363	99,974	1,723,300	Commuters into Town from	Town Residents Commuting to		
Employed	4,203	95,692	1,635,400	1. Litchfield	1242	Litchfield	1242
Unemployed	160	4,282	87,900	2. Torrington	673	Torrington	640
Unemployment Rate	3.7%	4.3%	5.1%	3. Morris	163	Waterbury	286
Total Employment	3,530	63,800	1,581,700	4. Waterbury	137	Thomaston	172
Manufacturing	470	17,490	265,850	5. Goshen	102	New Milford	134
'92-'97 Growth Rate	3.2%	5.5%	4.3%	6. Winchester	92	Washington	85
Daytime Population	4,677	75,784	1,740,247	7. Washington	85	Hartford	81
				8. Harwinton	83	Morris	80
				9. Bristol	75	Plymouth	73
				10. Watertown	75	New York	70

Quality of Life

Town	State	Library (1996-1997)	Town	Residential Utilities	
Banks (1997)	8	1,378	Total Volumes	47,356	Electric Provider
Lodging (1997)	10	756	Circulation Per Capita	8.1	Connecticut Light & Power
Day Care Facilities (1998)	9	1,651			1-800-286-2000
Infant Mortality Rate			Distance to Major Cities	Miles	Gas Provider
Per 1,000 Res. (1995)	0	0.099	Hartford	27	na
Crime Rate (1996)			Boston	120	na
Per 1,000 Residents	14.3	40	New York City	83	Water Provider
% Open Land (1990)	73.9%	68.8%	Providence	92	Bridgeport Hydraulic Company
					1-800-732-9678
Hospitals (1997)	0	3			Cable Provider
Total Beds	0	276			Laurel Cablevision, Inc.
					860-567-3103